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In re Application of:

BEIER et al.

Examiner: Qian, X

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THE USE OF ANTIGESTAGENS FOR INHIBITING ACCELERATED ENDOMETRIAL

MATURATION DURING INFERTILITY TREATMENT

# **REPLY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 17, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks.

# In the Claims

Please cancel claim 27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

## **REMARKS**

## Amendment in the Claims and the Claim Objections

Claim 27 was objected to as being a substantial duplicate of claim 1. Claim 27 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

#### **Election/Restriction**

Applicants respectfully disagree with the conclusion of the Examiner that the election was without traverse under MPEP § 818.03(a). The Office Action alleged that applicants did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement. Applicants pointed out that the traversal is made on the ground that the examiner has not established that an